

Marshal Joffre Dies in Coma

NAVY OFFICER, WOMAN START OCEAN FLIGHT

Leave for Paris in
Spite of Storm
Warnings

BY DAVID F. SENTNER
NORTH BEACH, N. Y., Jan. 3.—(INS)—A pony express plane shot away for Paris at 5:55 a. m. today. It was ridden by a daredevil ex-navy officer and a flying widow with red hair—Bill MacLaren and Beryl Hart. He taught her to fly.

They plan to stop for refueling their monoplane at Bermuda and the Azores. Their aim is to show the feasibility of a regular trans-Atlantic mail and express airplane service over the southern route.

FACING BAD WEATHER.
Although weather conditions along the 4,345-mile air route from New York to Paris were dead against them, the co-ed flying team insisted on taking off. They had been waiting since September. MacLaren and Mrs. Hart have braved their plane "Trade Winds."

If they make their goal these aerial partners plan to fly back here from Paris.

The white plane streaked away into the darkness toward Bermuda. Capt. MacLaren said they expected to make the tropical island in eight hours. The distance is about 775 miles. MacLaren was at the controls.

Both fliers were riding breeches, boots, flying coats and helmets.

FIGURE ON 48 HOURS.
The mother of Mrs. Hart was on hand to bid her pretty daughter bon voyage on her adventure.

As "Madame Redhead"—they call her that at the airport—climbed into the cockpit of the plane she threw a kiss to her mother and shouted: "Good bye, mother. I have never telephoned anyone from Paris but I am going to give you a call."

"We hope to be in Paris 48 hours after we leave here," said Capt. MacLaren before taking off. "If we strike bad weather at Bermuda or at the Azores we will just settle down and wait for it to pass."

Dr. James H. Kimball, veteran while the winds were favorable between here and Bermuda he would have to pass through some rain and cloudiness and that east of Bermuda there would be storms and cross-winds.

FLYING THREE TONS.
MacLaren said that the weight of the ship, loaded and fueled, was three tons. He said they were carrying food stuffs for delivery in Paris, some newspapers and magazines and a number of letters which are to be mailed in Paris to persons in the United States.

Mrs. Hart carried a number of "good luck" articles with her—rabbit's foot, an Indian charm and a five-leaf clover.

The Indian charm was given her by Gordon McCrae, an explorer, she said.

The plane did not carry a radio set nor a life raft, although the fliers said the pontoons on their ship could be detached in case of emergency and serve as a raft.

250 GALLONS OF GAS.
In addition, if the fliers are forced down at sea, they carried a hacksaw with which to cut off the wings of the plane to increase its buoyancy.

The plane carried 250 gallons of gasoline. MacLaren said that the ship would have 400 gallons aboard when it leaves Bermuda for its 2,070 mile hop to the Azores.

**President Cables
Regrets to France**
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(INS)—The death of Marshal Joffre, while expected, caused genuine regret in Washington today. President Hoover promptly cabled President Doumergue his own and the country's regrets at the marshal's passing. Gen. John J. Pershing also sent a message of condolence to the French minister of war.

**Race Horses Worth
\$12,000 Die in Fire**
NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 3.—(INS)—Four race horses owned by W. H. Fiser were burned to death early today by fire which destroyed a barn at the fair grounds here. Each was valued at \$3,000.

**With
HOOVER
daily**

ON DEC. 31
12 m.—The Secretary of Commerce, Robert F. Lamont, called to discuss departmental matters.

12:45 p. m.—Walter E. Hope, the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, called. Subject of conference not announced.

Reminder of day—Engaged with secretarial staff and in answering correspondence.

Capone Aide Sentenced



(P. and A. Photo)

The above photo shows Jack Gusik, one of principal lieutenants of Al Capone, who was sentenced by federal court to pay fine of \$157,000 for hiding income. He was also given a five year term in prison.

Council Told 'Moscow Canal' Is Not A Light Plant Scheme

Federal Construction Company Denies Connection With D. A. Willis; Statement Tells Plan for Huge Electric Project

An emphatic denial that the proposed "Moscow Canal" project will in any way interfere with the business of the Muscatine municipal light plant, was contained in a communication from the Federal Construction company, promoters of the proposed project, read and filed by the city council Friday night.

Further denial was made of any connection with D. A. Willis, local button manufacturer, whose recent communication to the city council precipitated a discussion of the power project.

"The Federal Construction company has had no communication of any nature with D. A. Willis," the statement read. "He is not interested financially or otherwise in the proposed undertaking for development of this water power. Without prejudice to him on our part, any business he has had or may have with the council is his own undertaking. In this connection, no utility company has had any connections of any nature with the proposed undertaking."

NOT AFTER LIGHT PLANT.
"The Federal Construction company is not seeking and will not seek to buy, lease or otherwise acquire the municipal light plant. The inference that it might do so probably resulted from the suggestion of an engineer, made more than a year ago, which suggestion was flatly turned down by the Federal Construction company. In fact, the canal route was placed outside the city limits of Muscatine specifically to avoid any conflict with the municipal light plant."

"The proposed project will develop 90,000 horsepower. That electric energy will be for sale. If, at any time, this municipal light plant wished to buy current, it could do so, but no effort will be made to induce it to do so inasmuch as the company expects to find sufficient market for its power in other outlets."

PROMISE FLOOD CONTROL.
"Construction of this development will practically solve the problem of Mad Creek. The engineers estimate that interception of Mad Creek by the proposed canal will reduce the flood flow of Mad creek."

**SIEGEL FUNERAL
SUNDAY MORNING**
Funeral services for Abe Siegel, former Muscatine business man, who died in a Davenport hospital Thursday night as the result of a traffic accident on that day, will be conducted in Davenport at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Relatives from distant cities are expected to have arrived by that time.

Friends and relatives of Muscatine who will attend the services will leave for Davenport late today. Among persons from Muscatine who will attend the funeral are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Siegel, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Powlankey, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Broun, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oren, and their respective families.

**Cowboys Tar and
Feather a Woman**
RIVERSIDE, Calif., Jan. 3.—(INS)—Authorities today sought two men, believed to be Indian cowboys, who tarred and feathered Mrs. Anna Wood, a homesteader. Mrs. Wood said that she had been persecuted for years by persons who wished to drive her from her mining claims and grazing land.

FIVE MINERS CAUGHT BEHIND WALL OF ROCK

Fifteen Others Have
Narrow Escape
In Ohio

DENNISON, O., Jan. 3.—(INS)—An explosion ripped the No. 4 mine of the Midvale Coal company here today, trapping five miners behind a wall of rock, coal and earth.

Fifteen other men who were working in the diggings when the blast let loose, narrowly escaped death.

The trapped miners are Mark Renshaw, Clyde Ohler, Charles Carahan, Simon Polojna and Ludi Demick.

The blast occurred a few hours after the miners had gone into the diggings to begin work.

AIR SHAFT CLOSED.
Cause of the explosion was not immediately known. All efforts were directed toward the rescue of the five trapped men.

The miners, as far as could be ascertained, were behind a wall of stone, earth and coal that was tumbled down by the explosion, closing an air shaft.

The blast was so terrific that it ripped off the top of a building over an air shaft nearly three miles from the mouth of the mine where the mysterious explosion occurred. The roof was blown about 500 feet into the air, witnesses said.

GAS BALKS RESCUE.
Immediately following the blast, Sam Cook, of New Philadelphia, and Ellis Truman, of Midvale, bosses at the mine, tried to force their way into the shaft in an attempt to rescue the five trapped miners. Several hundred persons gathered at the mine, but gas and fumes forced them back.

**TEMPERATURE 32
DEGREES TODAY**
But slight change in temperature occurred in Muscatine during the past twenty-four hours. The temperature at seven o'clock this morning was 32 degrees above zero as compared with 30 degrees at the same hour yesterday.

Press dispatches from the weather bureau at Des Moines indicate the above-normal temperatures throughout Iowa will continue over the week end. Though partly cloudy skies are forecast, no rain is expected, the dispatches state.

The river stage today is 3.2, a rise of 2 during the past twenty-four-hour period.

**Martha Rutka and
Virgil Massey Wed**

Miss Martha Rutka, daughter of Frank Rutka, 503 Liberty street, became the bride of Virgil Massey, son of Mrs. Mary Massey, 517 Evans street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the parsonage of the Grace Lutheran church. The Rev. Leland Lesher, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony, using the single ring service. The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Massey.

The bride wore a gown of blue canton crepe.

Mr. Massey is a graduate of the Muscatine High school and is employed as clearing clerk at the Muscatine State bank.

The Masseys will reside at 517 Evans street.

Important Notice
Enemies of the Free Press have been busy circulating stories for purposes of misleading the public regarding this paper. The incorporators and stockholders together have promised the public that our policies would be independent, politically, editorially and in every other way for the advantage of farmer, laborer and general public.

That means that no executive or employee could be tolerated for the best interest of all concerned unless they prove fully competent. Mr. Carl Kennedy, who was formerly manager of this paper, has been dismissed and is no longer connected directly or indirectly with the Mid-West Free Press.

Our readers are requested to take any damaging stories with "a grain of salt." The only thing the matter with some people is that apparently the Mid-West Free Press is "stepping too fast" for them—to buy the ground, wreck an old three-story building, build up a beautiful new three-story building, buy the machinery install it, select all the executives and as a finishing touch have the President of the United States touch the button, is inconceivable and a seemingly impossible accomplishment in the minds of a few who are engaged in the newspaper business. But it was done and we expect to continue at the same gait.

When Joffre First Showed Signs of Fatal Arterial Malady



The above photo shows Marshal Joseph Joffre, who died today, with Mme. Joffre beside him at Chantilly, France, on June 21 when a mauler, after the resignation of George Akerson as his secretary.

SECRETARY TO HOOVER QUILTS

**Newspaperman Most
Likely Successor
To Akerson**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(INS)—President Hoover today faced the task of filling the first rift in the immediate official family he brought into office with him two years ago. Occasioned by the resignation of George Akerson as his secretary.

Thus far the president says he has made no choice and has no one particular in mind. It is understood, however, he will fill the important post from among the corps of Washington newspaper correspondents. Akerson came from that group, and the position is particularly adaptable to a member of the writing fraternity as one of its chief functions is liaison with the press and interpretation for the public of the workings of the presidential mind.

Among the names tentatively mentioned was that of Ashmun Brown, veteran correspondent with a background of twenty-three years' Washington experience, who has represented the Providence, R. I., Journal since 1920.

It was quite definitely learned that Henry J. Allen, former governor and senator and newspaper publisher from Kansas, would not accept the appointment.

One Twin Arrives In 1930, the Other Follows in 1931

RED OAK, Ia., Jan. 3.—(INS)—The unique situation of one twin son being born one year and the other being born during the following year faces the parents of Keith and Kenneth Bridges here today. Keith was born shortly before midnight and Kenneth shortly after the midnight which separated December, 1930, and January, 1931.

WARRANTS NAME BUSCH KIDNAPERS

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 3.—(INS)—Warrants charging "kidnaping and accessory to kidnaping" were issued today at Clayton, Mo., against Charles Y. Abernathy, 28-year-old unemployed negro, his father Pearl Abernathy, elderly negro real estate dealer, and Elfrida Robb, the niece of Pearl Abernathy.

The warrants grew out of the New Year's eve abduction of youthful Adolphus Busch Orthwein, son of one of the most prominent and wealthiest families in the midwest. Young Adolphus was returned to his home New Year's afternoon following a conference in which Pearl Abernathy, the negro father of the alleged kidnaper is alleged to have offered to give back the kidnapped boy to his grateful father Percival Orthwein as "father to father" and in exchange for the freedom of Abernathy's son.

Sixty Members at Sweetland Men's Brotherhood Meet

The Men's Brotherhood of the Sweetland Methodist Episcopal church held a meeting in the basement of the church last night. Sixty members were present, this being the largest attendance of the year.

The Rev. H. Munster spoke on the subject, "Live to Learn and Learn to Live." Other numbers on the program were reading, "Looking After Clara," Albert Hetzler; vocal selections by Mrs. Thelma Kintzel with Miss Maude Face at the piano.

After the program the election of officers was held. Those being elected were: president, A. F. Polk; vice-president, Clarence Els; secretary, Henry Syverson; treasurer, John T. Downer; program committee, A. F. Polk, A. J. Wood, and Ray Downer.

The next meeting will be in the church basement the first Friday in February.

PANAMA QUIET AFTER REVOLT

**New Party Maintains
Control With No
Opposition**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(INS)—The new Panama government to be set up under the presidency of Dr. Ricardo J. Alfaro, now the resident Panama minister in Washington, will not be immediately recognized by the United States government, it was learned at the state department today.

COLON, PANAMA, Jan. 3.—(INS)—The revolution of Panama today was under complete control of the Provisional government of headed by Harmodia Arias, following the overthrow yesterday of Florencio Arosemena by a group of young revolutionaries who caught the federal officials by complete surprise.

The administration of President Arosemena by a group of young revolutionaries who caught the federal officials by complete surprise. The Action Communal, a patriotic organization which sponsored the reactionary coup in Panama City, in which sixteen lives were lost, issued a manifesto proclaiming Senor Arias chief executive, but in the meanwhile the Panama supreme court sent an urgent cable message to Dr. Ricardo J. Alfaro, minister to the United States at Washington, requesting him to return home and assume the presidency.

The supreme court based its call upon the assumption that deposed President Arosemena and his first, second and third vice presidents came into office illegally two years ago and not within the time stipulated by the Constitution.

Change Announced In Candidates for Farm Bureau Staff

Two changes in the nominations for officers of the Muscatine County Farm Bureau, because of inability to serve during the coming year, were announced today by Carl Rylander, county farm advisor.

George Correll, former head of the county bureau, has been substituted for Granville Flater, who has withdrawn his name from the list of nominees. Mrs. Carl Le Fever, chairman last year of the women's department of the county organization, has been substituted for Mrs. C. T. McCabe, who has been ill with pneumonia and will be unable to serve.

Election of officers of the Farm Bureau will take place Thursday morning at the First Baptist church when the annual banquet will be held.

DEATH COMES A DAY BEFORE 79TH BIRTHDAY

Warrior's Wife, Staff
At Bedside During
Last Moments

BY FREDERIC K. ABBOTT
PARIS, Jan. 3.—(INS)—Marshal Joseph Jacques Cesaire Joffre, hero of the Marne and commander-in-chief of the French army during the first two years of the World war, died at the clinic of St. Jean De Dieu at 8:23 a. m. (2:23 a. m. Iowa time) today.

At the warrior's bedside in his final moments were Madame Joffre and the immediate family, as well as the officers of the marshal's staff and four doctors, in addition to holy brother Ferdinand.

In leaving the death chamber shortly after, Dr. Leriche, Joffre's chief physician, announced that the marshal passed away without regaining consciousness.

DIED PAINLESSLY.
"When the amputation was performed on Dec. 19, the marshal was completely lucid, although in great agony," Dr. Leriche said. "He fell into a coma on Dec. 26 at 8 p. m."

"He regained consciousness for five and ten minute periods subsequently. He died peacefully, slowly, completely unconscious. There was no physical reaction, no movement."

"The body will be embalmed this afternoon, and taken to the chapel of the Ecole Militaire, where it will lie in state."

The last absolution was administered at 8 a. m. by Pere Bellesoeur, the parish priest.

78 YEARS OLD.
The end came slowly and after physicians had given up hope for recovery. The staunch heart of this gallant old soldier, who underwent an operation for arteritis two weeks ago which necessitated amputation of his leg above the knee, enabled him to put up a protracted battle for life.

Marshal Joffre, as he was affectionately known throughout the world, was 78 years old, and had reached his 79th birthday tomorrow.

His fatal illness followed a gradual weakening of his once robust constitution, resulting in repeated reports that he was ill. It was not until gangrene set in and virtually all hope of his recovery was past that Madame Joffre permitted physicians to let the world know that another of the great heroes of the World war was passing into eternity.

COULD ONLY EASE PAIN.
Two weeks ago Marshal Joffre was taken from his home at Lourdes, suffering from inflammation of the arteries in his legs. Gangrene developed, and the five attending physicians decided that the only hope lay in amputation of the affected leg. But this proved a forlorn hope at best.

A younger man might have survived the old war hero's illness. But the gangrene persisted despite the amputation and his extreme weakness made a second operation impossible. Helpless before the inexorable advance of death, his physicians could do naught but attempt to ease the pain of the war-battered soldier. They took upon themselves the duties of nurses, working in long shifts at his bedside in the hope of alleviating his agony.

Randleman Funeral Rites Held Today

Final rites for D. R. Randleman, who died Thursday at his home 413 East Fourth street, were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Meyer funeral home with Rev. Ira Hawley of the United Brethren church and Maud Kline, spiritualistic reader of Davenport officiating. Interment was made at Greenwood cemetery.

The singers were Mrs. Henrietta Sattan and Mrs. Henry Miller. The pallbearers were A. J. Neidig, Arthur Jackson, Harry Smith, William Strohm, Ernest Fagermann and Walter Phelps.

The WEATHER man says

IOWA WEATHER FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature.

FORECASTS till 7 p. m. Sunday (Central Standard Time):
MISSOURI: Mostly cloudy, rain in southeast and extreme south portions tonight and probably Sunday morning; not much change in temperature.

GENERAL FORECAST:—The indications are for mostly fair weather over the north-central states tonight and Sunday, except that there will be considerable cloudiness over the Ohio valley, possibly with some rain. It will be somewhat colder over the northern portion of the upper great lakes region tonight, while temperatures will rise over the Red River of the north valley.

COUNTY BRIDGE AND ROAD WORK IS PROGRESSING

Engineer Announces The Completion of Several Jobs

Work on several county road and bridge improvements has been completed and several other jobs of a like nature are being done under the direction of P. G. Halfas, county engineer.

S. E. Johnson, Lockridge, Ia., contractor, has a force of men at work on the overhauling of an old concrete culvert in the northwest end of Wapawson township, and is engaged in the construction of a bridge over Big Slough in the west end of that township.

Another improvement nearing completion is the clearing of several islands in the Cedar river in the vicinity of the Salisbury bridge. This work is being done under the direction of Wilbur Steckman, who holds the contract for the project under way at the present time is the construction of a concrete floor on cased piling of bridge in Pike township near Pike run.

New Burrows, contractor, has reported the completion of rip-rapping work on the west end of the dirt approach over the Red Slough bridge on road W, one-half mile east of the Cedar river bridge. This bridge was washed out by floods several years ago and was replaced and lengthened.

County workmen recently completed the moving of an old abandoned bridge that stood one mile west of West Liberty on road R to the northeast end of Cedar township where it replaced an old dilapidated bridge. The main span of the bridge, 60 feet long was moved.

Continuance of the three-year program both as to bridge and grading work, which was decided upon last spring by the county, is announced by the engineer.

What Council Did Last Night

An ordinance was passed after three readings by the city council at its meeting Friday night establishing a restricted residential district in Park Place section west of First avenue, 140 feet north and 140 feet south of Monroe street.

A permit for the construction, under supervision of the city engineer, of an iron bridge connecting the Baker hospital with the building of The Free Press, was approved.

City Engineer H. Fitzgerald was authorized to prepare new maps of Greenwood cemetery. Two copies are to be made, one to be used in the city hall and the other to be kept at the cemetery.

Grading of Grant street from Park avenue to Washington street was unanimously approved.

Bonds of four members of the airport commission, W. F. Bishop, O. A. Hammer, E. L. McCoin, S. G. Stein, were approved and the mayor and recorder were authorized to issue warrants for the payment of premiums on the bonds. The bond of John Barry, another member of the commission, had not yet been filed.

A permit issued to the Brummett Motor company for the construction of an electric sign under the supervision of the city engineer was approved.

Blade-grading of McKinley street from Mill avenue to Filmore street was authorized.

Employment of Mae Easteria as assistant city recorder was approved.

A resolution directing that a letter be written and forwarded to Representative Theodore Drake and Senator Edward Hicklen requesting their support of legislation providing that one-half of state gasoline taxes be turned over to city funds was unanimously adopted.

A request by the Progressive Publishing company that the Midwest Free Press be named as one of Muscatine's official newspapers was received by the council. For a report on the proper legal procedure in such matters, the request was referred to City Attorney C. H. Fishburn.

A report by the city attorney interpreting the ordinances governing the collection of garbage in the city was received and filed.

A request by the Continental Construction company for permission to extend a pipe line through a city-owned tract of three acres in section 16 was referred to City Engineer H. Fitzgerald who was authorized to confer with the company and prepare a map showing the proposed route of the pipe line.

Mr. and Mrs. Hafner Married 47 Years

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Hafner, celebrated their forty-seventh wedding anniversary, quietly at their home in Creston on New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Hafner have nine children, they are Mrs. J. R. Sheldahl, Billings, Minn.; Mrs. Fred Hanson, Iowa City, Ia.; Mrs. Hazel Swickard, Nichols, Ia.; Mrs. Russell Gilkey, Columbus Junction, Ia.; Mrs. Ernest Liebernecht, Letts, Ia.; Mrs. William Carpenter, Montpelier, Ia.; Lester Hubert, and Guy Hafner all of Letts.

A marriage license was issued today to Harry Parck and Mamie L. Reimers.

Paid Fire Department of City 15 Years Old Today

Veterans of Volunteer Companies Join With Present Members in Quiet Observance; Chief Brown Long in Service

Without special ceremony but with reminiscences of days when Muscatine was without adequate fire protection, local city firemen today quietly observed the fifteenth anniversary of the inauguration of the paid fire department.

Old timers who helped pull the hand-drawn apparatus, often in the dead of night when called from their slumbers to assist in quenching a blaze, dropped into the three modern-type stations today to swap views about the days when the city depended solely upon the volunteer companies for protection.

The paid department was put into effect on Jan. 3, 1916, although the first appointment was made on Dec. 16, that year, when Fire Chief J. J. Brown, who has since served continuously as head of the department, a veteran of many serious conflagrations which the city has suffered over the period of years with which he has been connected with the department, Chief Brown began his work in June, 1913, as chief of the old volunteer companies.

SIX VOLUNTEER COMPANIES

There were six companies at that time, the Champion Hose, Champion Hook and Ladder, Rescue, Excelsior, Relief Hose and Hersey Hook and Ladder. These, in addition to individual companies operated and financed by the larger factories of the city, performed heroic work in times of peril and without financial recompense.

Life was not all one fire after another for the boys in those days, for the work of being a volunteer fireman had its social side and there were many dances, picnics and other happy gatherings when the fire fighters and their families got together.

P. M. Musser, pioneer manufacturer, and for whom the P. M. Musser library stands as one of the monuments to his generosity, presented the city with its first motorized fire-fighting apparatus on July 21, 1913. Chief Brown had as his assistants at the time, J. P. Maurath, mechanic, and still a member of the department, and Fred G. Bilkey. The apparatus was an American-La France chemical car.

The present fire-fighting apparatus consists of four pieces, a 750-gallon pumper and a city service truck being located at the central station. No. 2 station has a 750-gallon pumper and No. 3 station, a combination hose car.

Louis Elfers, electrical contractor, installed the holiday lighting system in the business district, has asked the Free Press to state that the work each year is not done without charge, but is financed by business men who pay their proportionate share by front footages.

Paul Slack, 909 Oregon street, who has been receiving treatment at the Iowa City hospital, was returned to his home yesterday in an ambulance. He will return to the hospital sometime next month. Mr. Slack is feeling well but is unable to walk.

No change was reported in the condition of H. C. Madden who is ill at his home at 309 East Eighth street.

Mrs. Lucretia Howard, who is ill at her home at 1005 Oregon street, was reported to be somewhat improved today.

The condition of Mrs. Kate Givley, who has been ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Peter Van Arkel, 966 Elm street, was reported worse today.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ruge and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hartman and daughter, Betty Jean, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McKinney, will leave tomorrow for their home in Indianapolis, Ind.

Total receipts from the sale of Christmas seals up to date amounts to \$1,177.50, it was announced by the public health bureau today.

Miss Grayce Stevens, home demonstration agent for the Muscatine County Farm Bureau, will do the judging for women's exhibits at the annual institute to be held next Saturday at Dixon, Ia. Culinary work and general achievements of the women's department of the Farm Bureau in that district will be judged.

Members of the board of supervisors made their annual trip to the county farm this noon for inspection and inventory. They were served dinner at the institution. The morning session of the board was devoted to the checking of warrants and other miscellaneous business.

Muscatine county's gas tax refund in the form of a check for \$2,836.30 was received today by County Treasurer R. A. Van Dyke from State Treasurer Ray Johnson.

The Muscatine Ministerial association will meet at 10 o'clock Monday morning at the Y. M. C. A. Important business will be transacted.

The final report of F. L. Bihlmier, executor of the estate of Mattie E. Abbott, deceased, was approved this morning by Judge D. V. Jackson.

Nearly recovered from injuries suffered in an automobile crash

FEW STILL ON DUTY

The first personnel of the paid fire department included Chief Brown, Bilkey as assistant chief, Maurath as mechanic, and Louis Faulhaber, Harry Freeman and Charles Vetter as firemen. Faulhaber was appointed Feb. 14, 1915, and is still on duty at the central station.

With the inauguration of the paid department on Jan. 3, 1916, the crew of fire fighters consisted of Chief Brown, Maurath, Bilkey, Maurath, Faulhaber, John C. Leyson, Herman Raetz, Lee Schenkel, Charles Vetter, Charles Oppelt, Harry Freeman, James Wise and Charles Lemkau.

Further apparatus was added to the department on July 15, 1916, when the city purchased an American-La France combination truck and the merchants presented the city with one combination truck. At that time, the department was divided, the No. 2 station being established on Cherry street and the No. 3 station on Hersey avenue.

FIRST BLAZE LARGE ONE

The first big conflagration in the history of the paid department occurred on Jan. 16, 1916, when the B. E. Lilly department store located on the present site of the Laurel building at Second street and Iowa avenue caught fire, and the entire building and stock destroyed with an estimated loss of \$135,000. Nearby buildings and store stocks were damaged.

The department at present consists of 19 men. Comprising the crew at the No. 1 station on Sycamore street where Chief Brown is located, are George Luckhardt, assistant chief, "Pete" Maurath, mechanic, Louis Faulhaber, captain, and C. P. Truninger, Charles Swisher, Paul Meerdink, James Wise, Fred Rebeck, Walter Schulz and August Klebe. The No. 2 station crew is composed of Herman Raetz, captain, Fred Polman, Louis Hopewell and Harry Price, Captain Ed Priester, Charles Lenker and Ray Meyers are located at the No. 3 station.

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Tuesday night, Mrs. Clarence J. Nolan, 1194 West third street, and her daughter, Dorothy, were released from Hersey hospital yesterday. Mr. Nolan, who was also injured, was released earlier in the week, but according to reports today, will be sufficiently recovered to resume his work within a few days. Paul Nolan, his son, recovered rapidly.

Though the injury to his leg was considered slight, Herman Luedtke, 1204 Filmore avenue, who was hurt Thursday when a wall upon which he was working caved in, reports no improvement today. He will not be able to resume his work for at least ten days, it is understood.

Only regular business matters and reports were discussed at the monthly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. board of directors held at the "Y" last night.

My and Mrs. John Piersol, and son Darrell, 1028 Newell avenue, returned Friday from Tiffin, Ia., where they spent New Year's day with relatives.

The Rev. C. W. Hempstead has been called to Victor, Ia., to officiate at the funeral of Mrs. John Manatt, Sr., of Canfield. Burial will be made at Brooklyn, Ia.

With Sick Friends At the Hospitals

The condition of Harry Truitt, 15 year old son of Mrs. Ada Truitt, whose leg was recently amputated, was reported to be satisfactory at the Bellevue hospital today. Harry was injured in a hunting accident on Dec. 24.

No improvement was reported in the condition of Mrs. M. W. Strien, Woodlawn ave., who was admitted to the Hersey hospital several days ago.

John Ruppen of Durant, who was admitted to the Hersey hospital yesterday was reported to be doing well today.

Robert Schmidt, 500 Adams street, who incurred a fracture of the pelvis Wednesday, was reported to be improving at the Hersey hospital today.

BAKER

Simon Plog and children, Eleanor, Bronie, Myrtle, Amelia, Bernice and Duane of Pochantas, Ill., visited Mrs. Ida Plog at the Baker hospital yesterday.

Peter Somers of Crawfordville, Ia., a patient at the Baker hospital was visited yesterday by Mrs. Mary Somers and J. J. Rich of Crawfordville, Ia. Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Graber of Wayland, Ia., and David Graber of Noble, Ia.

John Weeks and Gerald Harris of Burlington, visited Mrs. Weeks who is receiving treatment at the Baker hospital yesterday.

The King's Herald will have a pot-luck supper with their leader, Mrs. S. M. Morehead, at 5 o'clock Thursday in the banquet room of the church.

NO OPPOSITION YET FOR 1931

BABY'S PRIZES

Betty June Cox, Who Arrived Thursday Only Entrant

With two days elapsing and still no reports of a contestant for the title of Muscatine county's first 1931 baby, it begins to appear that Betty June, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Cox, 407 Oak street, will be the recipient of many prizes offered by Muscatine merchants.

Betty June was born at 12:25 o'clock Thursday morning and was welcomed by her brother and two sisters. Her father is a button cutter. The child was born at the family home.

Considerable interest has been noted in the question as to who was the first baby born in Muscatine county.

Muscatine merchants have contributed a list of prizes to be given to parents of the first baby born in Muscatine county in 1931. They are as follows: J. C. Penney Co., choice of infant's sweater, crib, baby bath, baby bottle, baby outfit, Mid-West Free Press one year's subscription; the Klaffenbach Print Shop, fifty birth announcement cards; Bill and Dell's station, ten gallons of gasoline.

MASONS WILL GO TO ROCK ISLAND

A number of local Masons have announced the intention to attend a dinner dance of the Knights Templar of Rock Island Monday evening, according to a statement today from F. G. Wilford, local secretary of the order.

Installation of officers of the Order of Eastern Stars, elected Chapter No. 32, which is to be held here at 8:00 p. m. Monday, Jan. 19, is expected to draw a considerable attendance. All Masons, Visiting Masons, members of the Eastern Star, White Shrine, De Molay boys and Rainbow girls are invited to witness the ceremony.

Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 7:30 p. m. Iowa Lodge No. 2 will install its new officers.

For the Washington Chapter No. 4 and Webb council No. 18, installation will be held at 7:30 p. m. Friday Jan. 9. De Molay Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar will hold its meeting for the installation of officers Wednesday Jan. 21.

Odd Fellow Teams End Euchre Games At Rabbit Supper

The first Euchre tournament of the season held by the I. O. O. F. lodge ended last night with an excellent supper and a rabbit supper. The meal was provided by members of the lodge teams. M. F. Eaton was captain of the winning side.

Another tournament has been started with H. F. Larsen, captain of the royal purp team and Harry Wall, captain of the Prairie encampment team. The teams will play at the close of each business meeting.

At last night's meeting officers for the coming year were installed. They are Ralph Chandler, chief patron; H. F. Larsen, high priest; John Rapp, senior warden; Harry Wall, junior warden; Appointive officers will be elected at the next meeting which will be held on Jan. 16.

Carl Speith of Muscatine was the installing deputy at last night's meeting. He will also have charge of installations in other lodges of the county next week.

Montpelier Farm Women Will Meet

The third lesson on the subject "Diet for the School Children," will be held next Wednesday for women of Montpelier township at the home of Mrs. Perry Davis. Miss Grace Stevens, county home demonstration agent will be in charge of the day's program.

Playlet Features Program Given by Bloomington Group

Approximately 100 members of the Bloomington township Farm Bureau division were present at the monthly meeting held Friday evening at Bloomington Grange hall. The program was featured by a two-act comedy, "Finnegan's Plate" and a motion picture dealing with the subject of industrial science education. Iowa State College. Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

Methodist Philathea Class to Meet

Philathea class of the First Methodist church will hold a meeting Tuesday evening at the church. The business meeting, which will start at 7:45 o'clock, will be followed by a social hour. Refreshments will be served.

Hostesses for the occasion are as follows: Chairman, Mrs. L. F. Othmer; assistant, Mrs. Jessie Foster, Mrs. J. A. Te Strake, Mrs. J. Bendie, Mrs. L. C. White, Mrs. A. W. Carver, Mrs. August Blasieing, Mrs. T. D. Mitchell and Miss Hattie Cattell.

Group No. 7, W. H. N. S. of the Methodist Episcopal church, will meet Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock with Mrs. B. C. McClood for a quilting party.

GRAINS FIRM WHEAT IS UP

Yesterday's Upturn Influence Profit-Taking Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—(INS)—Grains closed firmer today. Wheat and corn were up 1-8 to 7-8c. Oats ruled 1-4 to 3-4c higher and rye 1-2 to 1-18c up.

The sharp upturn in grains yesterday influenced some profit-taking sales at the opening on the local board of trade today. July wheat dropped to 65c but later rallied to above 66c per bushel, the best price in several weeks.

Early trade was moderate. Liverpool wheat market closed 1 to 1 1/4c up. Winnipeg rules 1 1/4c better.

Corn started irregular but quickly advanced further with fairly general buying and lack of offerings. Receipts were lighter. Oats started unchanged but later went moderately higher with a small trade. Rye followed other grains.

Estimated carlot receipts were: Wheat 66, corn 41 and oats 10.

CASH GRAIN

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—(INS)—Cash grain close: Wheat—1 hard 79@1-4c; 1 northern spring 78@8-4c; Corn—4 mixed 65@6-4c; 3 yellow 63-4@67-1-4c; 4 yellow 65@65-3-4c; 3 white 71c; 5 white 65c; 6 white 60c; old—2 white 73c. Oats—2 white 31-2@3-4c. Rye—None. Barley—None.

CANAL PROJECT HELD NOT LIGHT PLANT SCHEME

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Creek by 70 percent. Since the only damage from Mad Creek is in flood times, the city will be able to build a closed sewer to care for Mad Creek which will need be only about one-third the size which present conditions would demand. The entire city of Muscatine will benefit from that possibility.

"The Federal Construction Company was incorporated 20 years ago to develop this natural resource. At various times it has carried the project forward until now, if permission from the state can be secured, arrangements to build are complete."

"Plans call for the construction of a 35-foot dam in the region of Salisbury bridge, the dam to be 8,000 feet long, and an open canal being diverted 9,000 cubic feet of water to a powerhouse site two miles east of Muscatine where the 90,000 horsepower mentioned will be developed."

RECREATIONAL SITE

"This dam will create a lake about 7 miles long by 3 miles wide. Such a lake would be a recreational site without parallel in this part of the country. Its water will be from 25 to 30 feet deep at all times and would never be in excess of a five-foot draw-down through the canal."

"The Cedar River would never be entirely dried up below the dam, except during the low water period of the country. Its water will be which averages only about two months in the year and which comes when the river is frozen over. Diversion of this water, however, will reduce the flood height of the Iowa River about a foot and a half, according to the engineers which will materially aid in preserving levees and in averting flood damages on the lower Cedar and the Iowa."

"At the same time, the overflow from the dam, plus natural drainage, plus the natural flow of the Iowa will be amply sufficient to care for sanitary conditions of towns along the Iowa River into which the Cedar flows below Columbus Junction."

"We feel that the Council and the people of Muscatine are entitled to full information as to this proposed development and, in view of the obvious benefits to this city and surrounding territory, should support it. Hence this statement of fact concerning it."

A building permit was issued today to Harry Hein for the construction of a 500 addition to a residence at 1413 King avenue. Another permit was issued to the Harry Fratt estate for the shingling of a roof of a residence on Orange between Seventh and Eighth streets, to cost \$150.

AT THE CRYSTAL THEATRE

Sunday and Monday MILTON SILLS

"MAN TROUBLE"

—Also—

"A 2-REEL COMEDY—UNIVERSAL NEWS"

Last Time Today

NORMA SHEARER

"LET US BE GAY"

—Also—

"LET US BE GAY"

Livestock

KANSAS CITY MARKET
KANSAS CITY, Jan. 3.—(INS)—Livestock: Cattle—300; steady; steers \$6@13.50; cows and heifers \$3@11.50; stockers and feeders \$5@10; calves \$5.50@11. Hogs—1,000; strong; bulk \$7.75@7.90; top \$8; heavies \$7.65@7.85; lights \$7.75@8; mediums \$7.80@7.95. Sheep—None; nominally steady; lambs \$7.25@8.35; wethers \$4.25@5; ewes \$2.75@3.75.

EAST ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Jan. 3.—(INS)—Livestock: Receipts—200; calves 50; steady; steers \$7.60@11.65; mixed yearlings \$11.25; heifers \$11.00; cows \$6.50; medium bulks \$5.50; vealers \$13.75; bulks for week: cows \$4.00@5.00; cutters \$2.50@3.00; vealers \$13.75; bulks \$5.50. Hogs—Receipts 3,500; uneven; steady to 15c higher; top \$8.45; packing sows \$6.15@6.35. Sheep—Receipts 50; steady; lambs \$6.75; common throwouts \$5.00@5.50; ewes \$3.50@3.75.

CHICAGO MARKET

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—(INS)—Livestock: Hogs—9,000; steady to weak; top \$8.25; bulk \$6.50@8.20; heavy \$7.20@7.70; medium \$7.50@8.15; light \$8@8.25; light lights \$8.10@8.25; packing sows \$6.25@6.75; pigs \$7.75@8.25; holdovers 3,000. Cattle—300; steady; calves 100; steady; beef steers—Good and choice \$11.50@11.75; common and medium \$7@11; yearlings \$7@14.75; butcher cattle—Heifers \$5.50@12; cows \$4@7.50; bulks \$5@7.75; stocker steers \$5.50@8.75; stocker cows and heifers \$4.50@7. Sheep—5,000; medium and choice lambs \$7.50@8.75; culs and common \$5@7; yearlings \$5@6.50; common and choice ewes \$1@2.50; feeder lambs \$6.50@7.25.

SO. ST. JOSEPH MART

SOUTH ST. JOSEPH, Jan. 3.—(INS)—Hogs 4,000; steady; top \$7.80@7.90; 220-260 lbs. \$7.55@7.80; around 7.40; bulk 210 lbs. down 7.80; weights up to 330 lbs. down to \$7.75; sows \$6.00@6.25; pigs \$7.75@8.00. Cattle and calf receipts none; vealers and calves 50c to \$1.00 higher; choice fed steers and yearlings \$10.50; bulk \$7.50@10.00; most butcher heifers \$7.10@8.00; bulk beef cows \$4.25@6.00; choice load at \$6.65; low cutter and cutter cows \$2.75@4.00; top vealers \$1.00; stockers and feeders \$6.50@8.25. Sheep—3,000; steady; top and bulk fed lambs \$8.25; 98 lb. kinds \$8.10.

SOUTH OMAHA MARKET

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 3.—(INS)—Livestock: Hogs—11,000; 5-10c lower; top \$7.85; 180-200 lb. weights \$7.85@7.75; 200-250 lb. butchers \$7.50@7.65; 250-300 lbs. averages \$7.25@7.50; packing sows \$6.00@6.25; average cost Friday \$7.51; weight 246 lbs. Cattle—150; for week 25c to \$1.00 lower; steers and yearlings \$8.00@8.15; heifers \$6.50@6.50; cows \$4.00@5.00; cutters \$3.00@3.75; medium bulks \$4.25@5.00; top vealers \$9.00; stockers and feeder steers \$7.55@8.50. Sheep—2,800; for week; weak to 8.15; top \$8.25; fed clipped lambs 10c per; fed woolled lambs \$8.00@8.10; ewes \$2.75@3.50; feeding lambs \$6.50@7.40.

CLOSING LIBERTY BONDS

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—(INS)—Closing price quotations for government bonds today were: Liberty 3-12s 101.27; First 4-1-4s, 103.4; 4-1-4s 112.22; Treasury 4-1-4s 112.24; 4s 108.13; 3-3-8s of '47 102.20, and 3-3-8s of '43 102.12.

New York Stocks

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—(INS)—Closing stock prices: Adv Rumley 12 3/4; Allegh Corp 9 1/4; Allied Chem and Dye 17 1/2; All Chalm 35 1/4; Am Agr Chem 2 1/4; Am Can 11 1/4; Am Aviation 31 1/4; Am F and L 49 1/2; Am Loco 22 1/2; Am Smelt 44; A T and T 134 1/4; Am Tob 10 1/4; Am Wtr Wks 60 1/4; Am Wool 7 1/4; Anconada Cop 32 1/2; Erie 18 1/4; Atl Ref 21 1/4; Bald Loco 22 1/4; B and O 7 1/4; Beth St 53 1/4; C and O 42; C and P 38 1/4; C and N W 38 1/4; C M and St P 5 1/4; C M and St P pfd 11 1/4; C R I and St P 51 1/4; C R I and St P pfd 51 1/4; Coca Cola 17 1/4; Colo F and I 23 1/4; Col Gas and E 37 1/4; Cons Gas 86 1/4; Corn Sd 59 1/4; D and H 143 1/4; Drug Inc 64 1/4; DuPont De Nem 32 1/4; Erie 18 1/4; Erie First pfd 31 1/4; Erie Pref Tex Oil 31 1/4; Gen Asph 26 1/4; Gen Elec 46 1/4; Gen Motors 37 1/4; Gen Foods 50 1/4; Goodrich 18 1/4; Gillette 23 1/4; Glaxo 23 1/4; Gt Nor R R pfd 64 1/4; Gt Nor R R 64 1/4; Gt Nor Ory 25 1/4; Hupp Mtrs 97 1/4; I C 78 1/4; Ind Ref 41 1/4; Int Harv 52 1/4; Int Nick 15 1/4; Johns Mansville 59 1/4; Ken Cop 24 1/4; Lvl and Nat 103 1/4; Kresge 26 1/4; Mack Tr 38 1/4; Mi Cop 82 1/4; Mid Cont Pete 15 1/4; Mon 21 1/4; M & K T 21 1/4; Mont Ward 18 1/4; Nat Bldg Co 80 1/4; Nat Dairy 40 1/4; Nat F and L 34 1/4; Nat F and L 34 1/4

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PHONE 2906
 Charge ads will be accepted over the telephone for all classifications except "Education Wanted." These accommodations are for the convenience of our patrons and payment is due within one week after the last insertion.

PERSONALS

SCISSORS SHARPENED at Hopkins Filing Shop, 209 Cedar.

STOP AT Peck's Confectionery 2224 Rockingham Road, Davenport, Iowa.

WANTED MACHINE quilting and dress making. Work and prices right. Mrs. Wm. Ribbink, 607 Poplar and 900 East Sixth. Phone 803.

SITUATIONS WANTED

EXPERIENCED BATTERY and ignition man. Also experienced with acetylene welding. Write X care Free Press.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

WANT TO hear from party who has 3 or 4 room house for sale to be moved off premises. W. A. Leonard, Phone 2960W.

FEMALE HELP WANTED

BOOKKEEPER, PERMANENT position. References required. Experience necessary. Want an unusual worker. Address 239 Muscatine, Iowa.

LOST AND FOUND

WILL PARTY who exchanged overcoat by mistake on New Years eve return to: Red Mens Hall, Phone 1378W.

TRY FREE PRESS CLASSIFIEDS once and we know "we'll be seeing you often."

STENOGRAPHER, OFFER permanent position. Must be accurate, detailed, understanding filing and general office work. Address Box 239 Muscatine, Iowa.

SECRETARY, MUST be experienced, detailed, unusual ability. References required. Address Box 239 Muscatine, Iowa.

FREE PRESS CLASSIFIEDS are go-getters.

FEMALE HELP WANTED

YOU HAVE BENEFITED by reading and responding to the ads of the Free Press—why not cash in on it as they have done. What do you have for sale or what are your wants. Let us tell our more than 7,000 readers through these columns.

FREE PRESS CLASSIFIEDS did it.

SCHOOL GIRL, 15 will work for board and room. Address B. T. Free Press.

YOU'RE THE LOSER—if you do not use the Free Press classified section.

BOOKKEEPER—An unusual opportunity for permanent position. Want lady bookkeeper with years of experience. Not under 25 years of age. Must be dependable, accurate and detailed. Box 239 Free Press.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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SHOE REPAIRING, 217 Cedar. Paul Doering.

FREE PRESS CLASSIFIEDS did it.

BUY IT HERE

HAIR CUT 20 cents. 607 Spruce.

CASH IN on Free Press classified ads as others are doing.

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REAL ESTATE RENTALS

SEVEN ROOM house, Phone 889.

LIGHT HOUSEKEEP- ing and sleeping rooms. 501 Iowa avenue.

HOUSE FOR RENT, Phone 1660J.

FOR RENT—A good large business room with a cement floor, suitable for a repair shop, a blacksmith shop and storage. Also office rooms and furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Howard Stevenson, Alcedo, Ill.

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MISS WEEKS IS RE-APPOINTED POOR OVERSEER

No Changes Effected in Personnel at County Farm

The same officials who have been in charge of caring for the county poor during the past year, were re-appointed for another year when the board of supervisors held their meeting Friday afternoon.

Miss Grace Weeks, county social worker, was again chosen as overseer for the poor in the county, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed O. Kemp were appointed again as steward and matron at the county farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stauffer were retained as assistant steward and stewards at the farm. There were no salary changes.

Action on the appointment of a county physician and superintendent of the county building heating plant was postponed until today.

GIVE ANNUAL REPORTS Reports of several county officers showing receipts and disbursements during the past year, were approved at Friday afternoon's session of the board of supervisors.

Charles H. Pitchforth who retired from office as auditor, reported total collections in the amount of \$1,920.41. Of this sum, there were \$71.50 collected as office fees, \$1,050.92 in tax sale redemptions, \$823.77 in miscellaneous, \$1,023.14 for care of county charges, other offices fees amounting to \$1,848.51, and \$2 for dog licenses.

G. C. Parks, county recorder, reported a total of \$5,080.85 collected. Of this amount, there were collections of \$2,724.65 for copies of records, \$482.90 for recording deeds, \$974 for real estate mortgages, \$678.90 for chattel mortgages, \$237 for releases and assignments, and \$239.90 for permit to use dangerous weapons.

E. D. Bradley, county superintendent of schools, filed his report showing receipts to have been \$1,737.82, and disbursements the same.

Joint Session of Drainage District Board January 10

Supervisors of Muscatine and Louisa counties in charge of drainage district No. 13, will hold their first joint meeting of the new year on Saturday morning, Jan. 10, at the Muscatine court house. The district will be discussed and bills allowed.

The regular date of the meeting for Jan. 13, last due to conflicting events, arrangements were made with the Louisa members yesterday to defer the time.

LETTS

LETTS, Ia.—(Special)—Dr. C. A. Taylor is president, Horace E. McCormack is vice-president and J. U. Yessler is secretary and treasurer of the Iowa Oil Gas, and Refining company of Cedar Rapids, for which articles of incorporation were issued Saturday by the secretary of state. The company is engaged in sinking test oil wells near Letts, and several thousand acres of land have been leased. A preliminary test at the Lester Haffner farm, west of Letts, resulted in a satisfactory production of gas.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Lamb entertained a number of friends at a watch party Wednesday evening. Card games were the main diversion of the evening. Luncheon was served at midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Brown of Rockford, Ill., are visiting friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Fred Cox and family and Mrs. Lyle and Jean were entertained at the D. T. Toland home Wednesday night.

D. Griffith of Des Moines spent Wednesday and Thursday with his son, Ray and family.

-VISITORS AT K-TNT

ON JAN. 2
 J. A. Kaufmann, Wayland, Ia.
 Alice Kaufmann, Wayland, Ia.
 Harry M. Kaufmann, Wayland, Ia.

H. Harrington, Graettinger, Ia.
 S. G. Walton, Alden, Ia.

Mrs. Jos. Humphrey, Wapello.
 Mrs. Harvey Allen, Wapello.
 Mr. Harvey Allen, Wapello.
 James Humphrey, Wapello.

A. E. Kint, Chicago.
 R. Greene, Forest Park, Ill.

Mrs. Robert J. Barnes, Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Harry Finley, Bettendorf.
 C. H. Weeks, Alcedo.
 Perille Ray, Alcedo.

Mrs. L. R. Duval, Hamilton, O.
 Mrs. R. R. Baker, Hamilton, O.
 Mrs. C. J. Thompson, Galesburg.

Mrs. C. F. Erickson, Low Moor, Ia.

Mrs. E. E. Robinson, Low Moor, Ia.

Clifford Anderson, Andover, Ill.

Harold Harris, Bloomfield, Ia.
 Garfield Churling, Andover, Ill.
 Harold Plank, Bloomfield, Ia.

Junior Wellborn, Cantrill, Ia.
 L. J. Jones, Bloomfield, Ia.

W. Shafer, Bloomfield, Ia.
 Herbert E. Lane, Bloomfield, Ia.
 Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Humphrey, Clinton, Ia.

STEALS COWS OF GOVERNOR

Practice of Altering Brands Is Revised in Colorado

DENVER, (INS)—The ancient art of "working" brands has not entirely disappeared from the cattle ranges of Colorado.

A revival of the practice by which small herds of cattle were made to increase at the expense of the neighbor's herds was brought to light recently when Gov. William H. Adams learned that a cowboy on the extensive Adams ranch near Alamosa, Colo., had altered the brands on several head of the governor's cattle.

The cowboy was arrested and confessed to officials that his ambition to become owner of a herd of cattle himself had led him to take up the practice once followed by rustlers on the western ranges.

Governor Adams brands his cattle with an "O" and a "reverse L." The cowboy registered a brand "OB". Occasionally careless in putting the governor's brand on calves, the cowboys put "O reverse B" on several head. This was done by simply adding two half circles to the governor's brand.

Either Ray, a special inspector for the state livestock commission, discovered the "mistake" the cowboy had made in his branding and investigated. Aided by William Carson, foreman on Adams ranch, and a grandson of Kit Carson, famous pioneer scout, Ray found that the cowboy had been building up his small herd at the expense of the governor's.

Adoption of Burke Child Is Continued

Judge W. R. Maines in district court Friday afternoon continued hearing on the application of Earl Weismiller to adopt Harold La Verne Burke, a minor, until June 8, 1931, at 10 a. m. Objection to the adoption proceedings has been filed by Clayton Burke, father of the child. The case was opened on Nov. 17, 1930. Nichols, Tipton and Tipton are attorneys for Weismiller, with Drake & Wilson as Burke's counsel.

Costs Required of Objectors to Will

A motion by the proponents to require contestants of the will of Amanda Rhodes Cooper, deceased, to give security for costs, was sustained in an order signed by Judge W. R. Maines, Friday afternoon. The contestants who are Pearl Seaton, Boyd Cooper and C. E. Rhodes, were given until Jan. 15, in which to file the required bond of \$200.

BUREAU MAKES TAX RULING ON LIFE POLICIES

Estate Tax Does Not Affect Ruling of Revenue Body

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Special)—The Bureau of Internal Revenue has concluded that the principal announced by the United States district court for the Northern District of Ohio in the case of Parker v. Routhahn (V. U. S. Daily, 2748) is "not applicable to the assignment of a policy of life insurance and that where the insured under a life insurance policy taken out by himself absolutely and irrevocably disposes of all the legal incidents of ownership therein otherwise than by a testamentary disposition, the proceeds of such a policy are not taxable as part of his gross estate under the provisions of the Federal estate tax law." The Commissioner of Internal Revenue, David Burton, has just issued in answer to an inquiry.

The Parker case was considered by the Bureau, Mr. Burton said, in connection with its ruling of Oct. 28, 1930, in which "it was concluded that where the insured under a life insurance policy taken out by himself absolutely and irrevocably disposes of all the legal incidents of ownership therein, other than by a testamentary disposition, the proceeds of such a policy are not taxable as part of his gross estate under the provisions of the Federal estate tax law." (V. U. S. Daily 2698.)

RULING IS CLARIFIED

"The Bureau had occasion to consider the ruling of Oct. 28, 1930," Mr. Burton stated, "in connection with the recent decision of the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, in the case of Parker v. Routhahn, the case of Parker v. Routhahn, Collector of Internal Revenue (unpublished to date). In this case the court concluded that an assignment of money to become due in the future, in consideration of love and affection, was, legally speaking, incomplete for the reason that not being based on a valuable consideration, it was revocable at the option of the grantor. In view of the conclusion reached by the court in this case the question arose whether an assignment in consideration of love and affection of an insurance policy, taken out by the insured, and authorities therein referred to, it was accordingly concluded that the principal announced by the court in Parker v. Routhahn, supra, was not applicable to the assignment of a policy of life insurance and that where the insured under a life insurance policy taken out by himself absolutely and irrevocably disposes of all the legal incidents of ownership therein in other than by a testamentary disposition whether or not a valuable consideration or not, the proceeds of such a policy are not taxable as part of his gross estate under the provisions of the Federal estate tax law."

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Foster entertained to a New Year's day dinner, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Shellabarger and Miss Edna, Mr. and Mrs. Egebert Shellabarger, Harold and Evelyn, Mr. C. G. Blanken, horn of Muscatine.

Harold Griffen spent New Year's day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Griffen of Downey.

Mrs. Inez Abbott, who has been quite sick is reported better.

Mrs. Pete Hendrickson visited recently with her daughter, Mrs. Lorraine Lukenbach and family.

Miss Opal Bonnichson spent New Year's eve with Miss Catherine Howell of Grandview.

Miss Millicent Masonholder of near Letts, who has been visiting at the C. B. Shellabarger home, returned home Wednesday.

Virgil, LeRoy, Opal and Francis Bonnichson were Muscatine visitors Wednesday.

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The religious paintings by Italian masters will start, with Otto and his brotherhood of painters of the thirteenth century, only a few frescoes, recovered from Rome churches, and dating of the ninth and tenth centuries, giving an idea of the dawn of religious art, together with some works of the basilean school.

Another room will show works by Melozzo da Forlì and his pupils and friends: a following room will display triptychs by famous painters (Lippi, Crivelli and others) while the next room will be dedicated to pre-Raphael painters like Perugino, Pinturicchio, Montagna and so on.

Then will come the most important hall completely given up to Raphael of whom "The Transfiguration" will be shown, flanked by the "Madonna of Foligno" and the "Coronation of Mary" on the same wall. The other walls will be taken up by the famous 10 tapestries by Raphael.

The painters of the fifteenth centuries will be shown in a next room: Titiano, Andrea del Sarto, Veronese, Sodoma; another room will exhibit more modern painters like Garavaggio, Domenichino, Giorgione, Titiano, Leonardo da Vinci, Andrea del Sarto, Veronese and finally Murillo and Ribera.

CONCORD

COLUMBUS JUNCTION, Ia.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Herve Utter entertained the following to dinner New Year's day. Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Shellabarger, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Estle of Letts, Mr. and Mrs. C. Utter and family of Columbus Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Foster entertained to a New Year's day dinner, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Shellabarger and Miss Edna, Mr. and Mrs. Egebert Shellabarger, Harold and Evelyn, Mr. C. G. Blanken, horn of Muscatine.

Harold Griffen spent New Year's day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Griffen of Downey.

Mrs. Inez Abbott, who has been quite sick is reported better.

Mrs. Pete Hendrickson visited recently with her daughter, Mrs. Lorraine Lukenbach and family.

Miss Opal Bonnichson spent New Year's eve with Miss Catherine Howell of Grandview.

Miss Millicent Masonholder of near Letts, who has been visiting at the C. B. Shellabarger home, returned home Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Merle Thomas of Muscatine spent Thursday at the Clyde Nettleton home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sulliver

Robert Fair, Alta Freyermuth, North Holmes, Lloyd Potter, Harry Feldman, James Bellitt and Bryers Watson.

SAVING IT

Oliver—"Why don't you brush all that stuff off your coat sleeve?"
Ted—"No, I'm going to keep that schoolgirl complexion."

Table games were the divers-
of the evening until the mid-
of hour when a two courses
cheon was served. Among the
ests were Miss Frances McEl-
ney and Mrs. E. P. Doty of Bur-
gton, Miss Luella Brown and H.
McDonald of Morning Sun.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Webster and
Mr. of Marshall.

Dr. U. S. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church officiating. Miss Cora Ball sang.

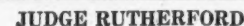
The funeral services of James Hoolman, who died Tuesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ralph Crane, near Glasgow, were held Thursday afternoon from the Presbyterian church in

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